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An old Indian chief was told of the Saviour, but he said: "The Jesus road is good, but I have followed the old Indian road all my life, and I will follow it to the end." A year later he was on the border of the shadow of death. He said to the missionary, "Can I turn to the Jesus road now? My road stops; it has no path through the valley."—*Calvary Church Bulletin*.

The love of Christ is like the blue sky into which you may see clearly but the real vastness of which you cannot measure. It is like the sea into whose bosom you can look a little way, but its depths are unfathomable.—*McCheyne*.

The virtue which has no better basis than a fear of hell is no virtue at all. No so-called virtue is in the least degree virtuous which springs from a fear of punishment. Nor, for that matter, is any alleged quality genuine which is fed by hope of profit or promise of reward.—*Dean Farrar*.

It is not what men eat but what they digest that makes them strong; not what we gain but what we save that makes us rich; not what we read but what we remember that makes us learn; and not what we preach but what we practice that makes us Christians.—*Bacon*.

In His life, Christ is an Example showing us how to live; in His death, He is a Sacrifice satisfying for our sins; in His resurrection, a Conqueror; in His ascension, a King; in His intercession, a High Priest.—*Martin Luther*.

The Lord gets His best soldiers out of the highlands of affliction.—*Spurgeon*.

The term "agnostic" is only the Greek equivalent of the Latin and English "ignoramus"—a name scientists should be slow to apply to themselves.—*Emerson*.

Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending, while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren.—*Luther*.

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COVER PICTURE

The Garden of Gethsemane D. B. Hatfield
The Mount of Olives is in the background. The road to the left is the footpath that leads to the top of the Mount. This is most likely the path our Lord traveled as He frequently crossed this little hill on the east of Jerusalem.

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6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
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9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saint's feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
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Our Responsibility to the Lost

By ROBERT HUMBERTSON
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The command of Christ has laid upon all who bear His name the responsibility of carrying the gospel to the unsaved.

DANIEL WEBSTER was once asked what his most solemn thought was. In reply, he said, "My personal responsibility to God." One important phase of our responsibility to God is our responsibility to the lost. We owe something to sinners. We should feel a burden for the unsaved. That is part of being a Christian.

When Dr. Lyman Beecher was on his deathbed, a ministerial brother said to him, "Dr. Beecher, you know a great deal. Tell us what the greatest of all things is!" Beecher answered, "It is not theology; it is not controversy; it is to save souls."

If we do not have a burden for the lost, we should pray for God to give us a burden. One of the greatest needs of the Church today is members with a passion for lost souls. Multitudes are out of the ark of safety; multitudes are away from the protection of the Church; multitudes are outside the fold. Hearts filled with compassion for the unsaved are sorely needed. We must be willing to shed some tears and to endure some agony in behalf of the lost. We should feel the responsibility for the welfare of the unsaved upon our shoulders.

Our responsibility to the lost involves two things: praying for them and seeking for them.

PRAYING FOR THE LOST

JESUS, THE greatest of all soul-winners, is our Example in praying for the lost. Untiringly and unceasingly, day and night, His earnest pleas went up to His heavenly Father for the salvation of the souls of men. Even on the cross, He prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

If Christ prayed for the lost, so should we. Sincere prayer for the unsaved is one of the foremost needs of the hour. Halfhearted concern in



"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

prayer is not sufficient. Deep earnestness should characterize our petitions to God. Let us travail for converts. Let us pour our hearts out to almighty God, imploring Him to deliver men and women from the bondage of sin.

Faith in our prayers for the unsaved is essential. We do not get results if we pray without faith. Let us believe God for more old-time revivals in which more precious people will be saved. Jesus said, "Ask, and ye shall receive." There's no doubt about it—God answers prayer.

*If radio's slim fingers can pluck a melody
From night and toss it over a continent or sea;
If the petaled, white notes of a violin
Are blown across a mountain or a city's din;
If songs, like crimson roses, are culled*

*from blue air,
Why should mortals wonder if God
hears prayer?*

The fact that God answers prayer should inspire us to pray more. "Pray without ceasing," Paul said. The more we pray for the unsaved, the more conversions we are going to see. We have heard of instances when people prayed for years in behalf of some person before he was saved, but the reward was worth all the effort. Let us pray and pray until our own hearts are melted; pray until the Spirit of God is poured out upon us; pray until our churches are filled with seeking throngs; pray until backslidden Christians are reclaimed; pray until sinners are brought to their knees in deep repentance; pray until hosts of harvesters are called, equipped, empowered, and sent by the Lord of the harvest into the fields of toil and endeavor; pray until Pentecost is repeated in every city, village, and countryside in the land; pray until blazing revival fires burn in every church throughout America.

SEEKING FOR THE LOST

OUR RESPONSIBILITY to the lost involves praying for them, and it also involves going after them. Here again Christ Jesus is our Example. The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. To that mission He dedicated Himself unreservedly. He invites us to follow His example. Christ tells us not to wait nor to send but to go! Jesus had such a consuming passion for the lost that He was willing to go to Gethsemane and Calvary for them. What are we doing for the lost? Are we enduring hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ? Are we daily witnessing for Christ? Are we carrying the gospel torch to those in need? Are we denying ourselves to help sinners? Or do we

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SERMON CONTEST WINNER

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ducted last year.*

The Fair Havens



TEXT: "... came unto a place which is called The fair havens," Acts 27:8a.

Introduction: *My calling is that of a preacher. My burden is that of a pastor. My place in the Church is to be a shepherd to the flock. I do not long for any other, and wherever the cry of a fallen soul is heard, there I want to be to give help, service, and encouragement. Then, when the chief Shepherd shall appear, He will give me a crown of glory that will not fade away. Therefore, this message is humbly dedicated to the careless, wayward, straying soul.*



By FLAVIUS J. MAY
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GOD'S SERVANT, Paul the apostle, had already witnessed before the Sanhedrin, before Governor Felix, before most noble Festus, before King Agrippa, and he was not en route to Rome, where he must witness also to the great Roman Emperor Caesar, to whom he had appealed. Placed aboard a ship of Alexandria, Paul was a prisoner in the custody of one named Julius, a centurion of the band of Augustus. They had not had good sailing, and were nearing a place called the Fair Havens, which was close to the city of Lasea. Paul spoke to the centurion and crew, warning, "Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives."

Notice, first of all, that one makes a dreadful mistake when he refuses the counsel and advice of a man of God. Paul sensed the danger ahead, and was well qualified to give this warning, but the centurion chose to believe the master and owner of the ship "more than those things which were spoken by Paul." Pity the soul who will turn away from the gospel and rely upon the ideas of someone else who may not know the way. The centurion was looking at another thing, also. This Fair Havens was just a small, simple place, and he thought life would be mighty dull if they were cooped up there all winter. Out yonder was Phenice, a much larger place, more commodious, more exciting, and more worldly.

Many souls have passed their chances for peace and safety because the right way was too straight and narrow and seemed too simple. Lured on by the attractions of this world with the promise of fame and fortune souls are still being swindled by Satan. "There's a better place out yonder," he promises, "where life is filled with excitement, romance, and intrigue." However, the story is just like the one of Jonah—he paid the fare to Tarshish, but he never did get there.

People are paying dearly with their minds, bodies and souls for a season of sinful pleasure. Many times noble virtues and righteous ideals are cast aside just to reach the goal of worldly success which has been inspired in the hearts of men by ungodly ambitions and aspirations. Nevertheless, friend, make no mistake; a person will pay the full fare before he is through, and he will never find the place of peace and happiness until he pulls into the Fair Havens and anchors his soul in the haven of rest to sail the wild seas no more.

NEXT, NOTICE the horrible mistake of traveling under a false impression. "And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence, they sailed close by Crete." Had these men been as cautious as they should have, they would have known that the weather this late in the season was very unpredictable. They should have known that they could not always depend on this warm south breeze to favor them for their voyage. If they had known the weather report, they could have spared themselves of the great danger ahead, but they ran the risk of supposing instead of knowing. Oh, thank God that there is a way of knowing when all is well, a way to be sure with no guessing and doubting. Therefore, friend, never base your faith on thin supposition, but take hold of God and His Word and have the blessed satisfaction of knowing.

Before long, therefore, the tempestuous Euroclydon struck with all the wild, angry fury it could develop in its mad chase across the Mediterranean. Caught in the deathly grip of this hurricane of destruction, the little

ship was unable to bear up into the wind. The crew had to "let her drive." Think of the horror of being adrift in a sailing vessel at sea and unable to steer a straight course because of being driven mercilessly by a monster who seemingly cared naught for the welfare of men.

Such is the fate of many who launch out on the sea of life. Thinking all is well and supposing they are gaining their purpose, many times they let their courses lead them into the path of destruction.

I have seen precious souls who became so carelessly unmindful of God's Word, so coldly indifferent to the gospel message, and so negligent to commune with God in prayer that they strayed past the harbor of salvation and soon drifted too far from the shore. Then, when the hand of temptation struck down on their frail bark, they were helpless in the storm and were driven from one great danger to an even greater danger.

NEXT, NOTICE VERSE 17, where they tried to reinforce the ship, and fearing that they would be swept into the quicksands, they "stake sail, and so were driven." So it goes. Since the soul who strays away from the haven of rest can find no place to anchor, the tempest of Satan drives him on and on.

Notice that they tried to lighten the load so that, perhaps, the ship would ride out the storm. Merchandise that would bring a fortune in Rome was thrown overboard. With death so close at hand, there was no regard for its value now. This makes the picture more vivid—things of this world lose their attraction when a soul comes near the end of a sinful life.

To add to their fears and troubles, darkness came for many days. How could they plot their course without the sun? How could they get their bearings without the stars? This is the fate of a soul caught in the sickening whirl of worldliness and sin—no light, no ray of hope, lost, drifting, doomed to sink into the sea of despair as so many others have done who thought that they could get by in this world without God.

In the midst of their danger, a most welcome message came from Paul. Oh, if they had only listened to his first warning as they listened to him now this whole terrifying voyage could have been avoided. They were like Jerusalem, over which Jesus wept and cried, "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes." Just as Jerusalem did not recognize the "day of their visitation" and the "things which belonged to their peace," so do others go through life not hearing the sound of alarm or the warning of danger until it's too late. With their senses dulled, their eyes blinded, and their minds drunk on the potent wine of sinful pleasure, they speed through life and do not recognize the day of their salvation until they are too far past the Fair Havens, and then they are "held by the cords of their sins and die without instruction."

Now, as the wind shrieked through the rigging of the ship and the seamen cried aloud, praying as they clung to their ropes, the confident voice of Paul rang out, saying, "Fear not . . . sirs, I believe God." He brought a comforting message that an angel had come to him saying that not a life would be lost.

Then after days of drifting and tossing, they were finally able to cast out the anchors. The nightmare seemed to be over. When day came, they sighted land nearby, and desiring to pull into shore, they lifted the anchors and set the sails. However, "falling into a place

where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves."

TAKE CARE, FRIEND, that, when this life is drawing to a close and you are in sight of the beautiful shore, you do not fall into that place where the two seas meet—the sea of life and the sea of death—and run aground and destroy your flimsy vessel.

There will be no chance then to change your course in life; there will be no calling back of the lost opportunities for salvation. You will be snatched from the darkness of a sinful life into the eternal darkness of hell and damnation to be tossed forever on the restless waves of the lake that burns with fire and brimstone. Never again will you gain sight of a harbor of salvation; never again can you cast out the anchor, for that voyage will never end and the tempest will never cease. While the horrifying screams burst forth from the souls who gnaw their tongues for pain and while the demons of hell hiss their blasphemies and curse their ill fate, there will be no need to ask, "Watchman, what of the night?" for the morning will never come.

So I shall stand on the blood-washed decks of the old Ship of Zion and cry out to the lost, the straying, the drifters, and the strugglers who are sinking down into perdition: "Come aboard! This seaworthy vessel is filled with the joyous who are unafraid, for the Pilot of this ship is none other than the Captain of our salvation, who knows how to calm a raging sea and speak "peace" to a troubled soul. We are bound for the eternal Fair Havens, where the winds never blow contrary and the tempest never disturbs the rest and peace of the children of God."



This is what I have found out about religion: it gives you courage to make the decisions you must make in a crisis, and then the confidence to leave the result to higher Power. Only by trust in oneself and trust in God can a man carrying responsibility find repose.—President Eisenhower.

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He may not explain to you a thousand things which puzzle your reason in His dealings with you, but if you absolutely sell yourself to be His love-slave, He will wrap you in a jealous love and bestow upon you many blessings which come only to those who are in the inner circle.—*Gospel Herald*.



REPUTATION OR CHARACTER

The circumstances amid which you live determine your reputation; what you believe determines your character. Reputation is what you are known to be; character is what you are.

Reputation is a manufactured thing, rolled and plated and hammered and brazed and bolted; character is a growth. Reputation comes over one from without; character grows from within. Reputation is what you have when you come to a new community; character is what you have when you go away.

Your reputation may be learned in an hour; your character may not come to light for a year. If you want a position, you need a reputation; if you want to keep it, you need character. Reputation makes you rich or makes you poor; character makes you happy or makes you miserable.—*The Trial, The Watchman-Examiner*.

Man and missions

From the Foreign Mission Executive Secretary's Desk, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee—PAUL H. WALKER.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY TO MISSIONS

Mrs. Ella Jackson, Somerset, Kentucky

Is any Christian exempt from helping in the salvation of heathen countries? "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," Matthew 28:19.

In these days when we know of the conditions of countries that do not have the gospel, that are burdened with poverty, slavery, sin, and misery, are we at ease?

According to reports, there are millions of people in foreign countries in poverty, ignorance, sin, and sickness who will welcome any help, whether it be the light of the gospel of Christ or the promises of Communism, the deceitful antichrist spirit.

If these are won for God, it will be through the Church. If Communism wins them, they will be lost without hope of eternal life. It is said that Communism is fast on the march to win many people.

Why is it that at times we fail to get the many souls close around us saved and keep them saved? Is it because we neglect to support the mission cause by not giving and praying?

What is my part and what is yours in this great work in winning souls for God and His kingdom? "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?" Isaiah 55:2. Do we cheerfully contribute to our Church mission budget? Do we pray for the mission cause?

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?" Romans 10:13-15a.

Why do people gratify the pride of life with fine homes, fine cars, and fine dress and strive for great accomplishments in rivalry with others at the expense of dying souls?

Where is the consecration of all our resources, both material and spiritual, our opportunities of prayer for, or giving of our means to train and send God-called men and women to the heathen fields which are long due for harvest?

As we have often heard said, "If the Church had what money is spent in this country for liquor, tobacco, shows, and pleasures of life," and, we might add, "what is spent in beauty parlors, unnecessary dress, jewelry, cosmetics, etc.," "the Church could do wonders in spreading the gospel."

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is

not of the Father, but is of the world," 1 John 2:15, 16. "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God," Romans 14:12.

PRAYER NEUTRALIZES SNAKE-BITE POISON

By Oscar F. F. Changuión

You will recollect our relating the story of the deadly mamba in Portuguese East Africa.

This story is about a puff adder. Puff adders and night adders are not so thin and sleek as a mamba. They are about two to three feet in length and are thicker in body. Unlike the green and black mambas, which are plain in color, adders have a specific design of light yellow and brown. They are very poisonous, but not as swift as the mamba.

It was during a week end that one of our workers in Portuguese East Africa had a rather alarming experience, but an experience which again proved that we serve a loving God, who is able to deliver in spite of deadly attacks of the enemy.

In everyday parlance, this dear brother was footslogging—natives are great walkers—from Catembe to a jetty where he would be ferried across the water to his home. When he was about two miles from the jetty, he suddenly felt a burning sensation in his toe. He had trodden on a puff adder, and this vile reptile had lost no time in retaliating. In a matter of seconds everything was over.

When one is bitten by a poisonous snake, the pain and consternation are not merely the product of a fertile imagination but a reality, and in such circumstances a person must think and act quickly—delay means death.

What could this dear perplexed brother do? Could he possibly cover the next two miles to the jetty without collapsing, and even if he did reach the jetty, would medical aid be available? One thing he might have done was to have sucked the poison out of his toe, but, presumably, he was incapable of doing this owing to the fact that the acrobatic propensities of his babyhood days had been lying dormant too long!

As suddenly, however, as he was bitten, it dawned on him that he was on the King's business, and like a true soldier of the cross, his despair turned to courage.

He had an effective antidote—prayer—why not use it? Pray he did. This dear brother told us that after he had prayed he forgot that he had been bitten by a puff adder. He is completely well, continues preaching the gospel, and testifies to the saving power of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen! Surely this is another confirmation of Mark 16:18. Our God is able to deliver. Praise His dear name!

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Holiness Is



GOD'S STANDARD

for All Men

By H. V. FOWLER

Pastor, Canton, Georgia

Ephesians 1:4, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

IN THE FIRST CHAPTER of Genesis, we find the record of God's creation. During the first five days, he prepared the earth as a dwelling place for a worshiper. Genesis 1:29, "And God said, Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat." After consultation, and with mature deliberation, He crowned all of His work by personally forming the last creature—man. So man alone can say he was shaped by the hand of God and quickened by His divine breath.

Because man is spirit, he is capable of God-consciousness and of communion with God. Adam had fellowship with God until he broke the only law that God had given him. He ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil and lost his God-consciousness. He lost the power in himself to do good and gained the power to do evil; thus he placed himself in an inferior position in the world. His loss was great, but God made it possible for him to regain his position and fellowship with his Maker.

Man Was to Be God's Image in Respect to Lordship

No man can play the monarch without subjects and a kingdom; therefore, God gave Adam an empire and subjects to rule. Blessing him and his help meet, God said unto them, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth (Moffat's Translation, "fill the earth"), master the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every living creature that moves upon the earth." Man was God's visible representative in relation to the surrounding creatures. Being created in the image of God and after His likeness, man had knowledge only of righteousness and holiness. In Genesis 1:31 we are told that God made man good. Man's creation in God's image implies that the original condition of man was one of positive holiness.

The fall of man resulted in the loss of the original innocence and moral integrity with which he had been created. These were forfeited by his disobedience. Man is utterly unable to save himself and is without hope apart from the grace of God, which can restore the divine image within him. God killed an innocent creature in order to clothe the nakedness of Adam and Eve. In like

manner the Father, to satisfy the claims of the law, gave His Son, the innocent One, to die in order to provide an atoning sacrifice for the soul of man. The atonement purchased man's pardon and righteousness. Abolishing the barriers between God and man brought about by the fall in the garden, it made possible a regenerated life. As a sacrifice for purification from sin, its benefits are sanctification and holiness.

Man Can Be Recreated in the Image of God

Jesus came into the world to make it possible for man to regain the divine likeness, which he once had by being recreated in the image of God. The new man puts on holiness. "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness," Ephesians 4:24. God let Eve know that there would be a conflict between her Seed and the evil power that caused her fall. Her Seed won the victory, but not without suffering. At Calvary the serpent bruised the heel of the Seed of the woman. That bruising brought victory for the fallen sons of Adam. The recreated man still has a conflict with the evil powers of darkness. Temptation is necessary for the development of the kind of character God desires for man. God wants us to love and serve Him, not by compulsion, but by choice; therefore, we must have the chance to choose between good and evil. As we reject the evil and choose the good, we develop Christian character; we show to the world and to God that we prefer the good and despise the bad. In fact, every time we are faced with temptation and overcome it, we not only build up a reserve against sin, but also we declare our choice for good. By choosing the good way, we show that we are like our Master.

Many of God's children have failed to attain the sanctification which the New Testament teaches. They do not see that Christian perfection means neither a perfect body nor a perfect brain, but rather a complete commitment of self to the will of God and a restful reliance upon the Spirit of God. Some, setting the standard higher than the New Testament sets it, suffer a life of strain and unnaturalness. Others, lowering the standard, tend to excuse both natural infirmities and avoidable delinquencies. God is seeking to help us make Christian holiness effective through the frail medium of our humanity.

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SERMON CONTEST WINNER

This sermon won third place (\$25) in the EVANGEL'S Sermon Contest conducted last year.

"I counsel thee to

BUY OF

GIN METALLIC VALUE, gold is the greatest to be had, and in its scriptural setting, it is representative of the highest in Christian character and progress. It speaks of one starting in the rough and being processed into a higher and nobler state. God's purpose in having John the Revelator write to the church of the Laodiceans was to admonish them to seek a higher standard of living. They were not unchristian in their belief, for they had become a recognized church. They were not cold, neither were they hot. They were lukewarm. This seems to suggest a halfhearted, half-processed group who needed to be reaching for a higher standard. The Lord suggested the gold standard. God hopes for His people the best, and for this reason, He has provided for them the best. The top attainment in all things is the hope of God for His people. Therefore, He said, ". . . buy of me gold." It would grieve the heart of God for the Church to settle for a lesser standard.

THE NATURE OF GOLD in its pure and most highly processed state is representative of the state of the highest Christian attainment. In its pure, unmixed state, it is known as twenty-four-carat gold. Thus, it could represent a twenty-four-carat Christian, unmixed and unadulterated. When mixed with another metallic element, the carat standing is reduced to twenty, eighteen, twelve, and so forth, according to the inclusion of the other metal, which may be valuable in its own right, but it doesn't alter the fact that it reduces the value of the gold, inasmuch as it affects its purity.

Gold is the most malleable and the most ductile of all metals, which means that it is the most capable of enduring the beating and pressure-rolling that is required to fashion and shape it into a useful instrument. Although it is often beaten and rolled under pressure until it is a very small fraction of an inch in thickness, it doesn't disintegrate; that is, it will not fall apart. It holds together, and as it thins down, it loses none of its purity or ability to remain solid. This is reason enough for the Lord to counsel us, ". . . buy of me gold." If there are times when the beating comes or when it seems to a person that all pressure has been turned upon him, it is then that the true characteristics of pure gold will help to hold him together. If his Christian character has been processed to a twenty-four-carat standing, there will be no disintegrating.

Gold, in character, is easily led, tractable, flexible, and pliant. It is not a stubborn, hard-to-handle, impossible-

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to-manage metal, but it is the opposite of that—compliant.

In His work God can use only those who possess these higher traits: yieldedness to His will and voice, willingness to follow where He leads, openheartedness and willingness to be influenced by the will of God, and flexibility and capability of being fashioned according to the necessity as He sees it. A set will or a determination to have only the things we desire and to accept things according to our own plan speaks of something less than the gold principle working in our lives.

GOLD IN THE ROUGH does not always appear to be gold, because when it is found in ore form, it is associated with so many other metallic elements, such as silver, tellurium, copper, iron, bismuth, mercury, palladium, and rhodium. It is so enmeshed in the multiplicity of other elements that gold is not recognizable. All of these other metals have their own values, and are useful in their own categories, but before the gold can be pure, it has to be separated from them. These metals in ore form appear as a rock, and the uninformed person might pass it by without a thought. It appears also in flakes and streaks as wire. In whatever rough form it is found, it can be separated from the base metals and rock and be purified through proper methods of processing.

The most uncommon discovery is that of gold in lump form called gold nugget. The largest of such was found in Victoria, Australia. This nugget was called "Welcome Stranger." Weighing 2,520 ounces, it was valued at \$42,000. This most valuable nugget of gold was found in a rut made by a wheel of a cart and was just a few inches beneath the surface of the ground.

A very well-known place to discover gold is in the beds of the rivers where the waters have run through mountains and deposited grains of gold brought from crystalline rock. The prospector would take up gravel, sand, and water in a pan and "shake the dirt" until the light particles would float over the top of the pan with the water. The heavier particles and the grains of gold would settle to the bottom of the pan. Thus, we realize that gold is to be found in such out-of-the-way places as rocks, rivers, and ruts.

The real beauty of the processing of Christian character is that man, like the gold in ore form, is found encumbered, enmeshed, and entangled with so many things that render him impure and unattractive, but God is able to bring about the necessary separation to purify him.

OF ME GOLD



*tried in the fire,
that thou mayest be rich."*

uti, Ohio

The real character of gold is brought out when the other elements are taken away.

When a man or woman, having become an habitual alcoholic, is seen in an intoxicated state, tottering and falling about with no control of himself, he is naturally looked upon as useless and a detriment to society. His every thought is of the saloon where again and again he gives himself to revelry and low living. Others are habitual gamblers, blasphemers, and many and various entanglements which take from the purity of character and reduce them to apparent uselessness. Whatever potentialities possessed by such unfortunates, they are hidden by their many sinful encumbrances, and can be brought into view only by absolute separation and cleansing. The only cleansing possible is through the blood of Jesus.

The chief purpose for the establishing of the Church and sending forth the ministry is that such hidden treasures might be discovered and processed. Taking fallen men from the river, rocks, or ruts in which they are found and processing them into treasured jewels with bright, shining Christian experiences are the purposes of the Church.

Many have come from low levels into positions of high usefulness as Jerry McAuly, a poor, staggering, drunken river thief who was saved. He was considered to be the most powerful influence over the people of New York City of any and all other ministers. As he lay in state, the poor and rich alike marched past and demonstrated their love for him by contributing flowers in abundance. Mel Trotter, who left his wife with a dead baby in an old hovel while he rolled in a gutter in drunkenness, became an outstanding soul-winner. John Bunyan, who was the most vile blasphemer, became the author of the classic *Pilgrim's Progress*.

The best known group to the reader is the one of which he is a part. He knew of their past histories, their entanglements, and their ruts. Now he rejoices in their Christian attainments. These discoveries portray the real purpose of the ministry as prospectors.

THE METHODS OF EXTRACTION of the gold from the foreign elements are varied. First, the rock of ore must be broken. Crushing can be used to further separate the different elements, but the most successful method of gold recovery is that of the furnace treatment. This method is known as smelting. The ore, gold enmeshed with other metals, is subjected to fire by which the other metals and matter are purged. Since there must

be a melting, the heat is turned on. A recent observation is that gold will melt at 1,063 degrees centigrade and will boil at 2,500 degrees centigrade.

The most desirable means of melting foreign traits, desires, or practices from the lives of our constituents is through the fervency of church worship. Many times churches lament the fact that some of their congregants are prone toward past injurious practices. You are not likely to legislate or maneuver these problems out, but a sure way to bring about the desired effect is to produce a melting. Better still, get the church to a 2,500 degree fervency, which is the boiling point, and the dross will have to go.

At times, it may seem that the fire of persecution or difficulties has become your lot. If so, it will serve as a part of the processing, and at the end of such circumstances, if you have retained your loyalty to God, you will realize a higher Christian attainment. One scripture which will encourage us is "After that ye have suffered a while, he will make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, and settle you."

Job seemed to have a good understanding of God's purpose in his troubles, and he retained his integrity through his many afflictions. In the midst of his troubles, as he sat among the ashes and scraped himself with a potsherd, his true, undying faith bolstered him, and he answered his so-called comforters and his lamenting wife, who suggested that he "curse God and die." Job said, "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me. He knoweth the way that I take: When He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."

Once a foreign missionary visited a smeltery and observed the operation. As he watched the melted, popping, belching, cracking metal in the smelting pot, he became afraid that it would explode. He said to the smelter, "You had better turn the heat down or you will have an explosion." The smelter laughed and said, "The trouble is that the heat needs to be increased." He further stated, "The noise of the popping, cracking, and belching you hear is not the gold that is in the pot. It's the foreign metal that's making the noise." He turned on more heat, and soon the noise died away—it was melted down. It isn't always the loudest or the one that sounds off the most who is most valuable. It could be some base metal

showing up. Did you ever hear of "sounding brass or tinkling cymbal"?

GOLD ALLOY IS A debasement metal mixed with gold for different purposes. Each metal added gives its own particular effect. If silver is added, it makes the mixture white, and it is then called white gold. When copper is added, it gives a red appearance. In its pure state, gold is naturally yellow, and when it has a different appearance, it speaks for itself that there is an alloy. Just for a thought may I ask, "Did you ever see anyone turn real white when he was under pressure?" It wasn't his gold showing; it was the silver alloy. Of course, if he turned red, his copper was showing. Too often one is inclined to show his debasement alloy rather than his gold, and this tells the story that his carat rating is less than twenty-four.

Gold is also one of the softest of all metals. For this reason, it has to be alloyed with something to harden it. Therefore, anything which has a hard character portrays its metallic alloy. When anyone is heard to boast of his hard-boiled disposition, he is not speaking of his gold but of his alloy.

GOLD'S ABILITY TO BE extended is very remarkable. It can be truthfully stated that a little pure gold will go a long way. However, this ability is reduced by anything debasement that may be added. One gram, which is approximately one-twenty-eighth of an ounce, of unmixed gold has been known to be spun into a thread two miles long. It could not reach such a distance with any brittle elements added, because when the strain would come, it would pull apart. The thread would never show weakness except where the alloy would render it impure. Such purity of soul and Christian character will cause any individual to reach with effective influence those whom he may chance to contact.

A very saddening thought in this connection is that so little pure gold goes so far; yet, many of us have never reached our own front room. Our own family has not been reached. Too often this is the result of our alloy showing where our gold should be seen.

WROUGHT GOLD is fashioned, formed, elaborated, ornamented, and manufactured. Therefore, we are made to understand the Psalmist when he said, "The king's daughter is all glorious within: Her clothing is of wrought gold." Could anything be more descriptive of beauty than this statement?

Nothing could be more desirable than to be glorious within and clothed with fashioned, elaborate, ornamented gold. When such a one is seen, there could be no thought but of beauty, purity, and riches.

Therefore, to the Church, which is to portray the true characteristics of Christianity, Jesus says, "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich."



HOLINESS IS GOD'S STANDARD FOR ALL MEN

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Christ set a perfect Example in the flesh. Holiness is the attribute of the divine nature, the seed of divinity, which remains in us. Man is partaker of the divine nature in the same sense that the iron is partaker of the fire. The rough, crude iron put into the fire becomes radiantly

brilliant. As the fire can say to it, "I have imparted this brilliance to you," God can say to the soul, "I have imparted to thee the glow, beauty, and heat of my nature." The soul is bathed in God.

Holiness imparts such sovereign and moral beauty to the soul, that God Himself is captivated by it. God, through His prophet Ezekiel said of Israel, "Thou art all beautiful." Holiness reflects the beauty of the face of God. Did you ever see a soul lighted by divine glory? It was only a reflection of the glory of God. Holiness, as other riches, can be additive; God gives the increase as we meet His requirements. The heart of God delights and takes pleasure in His saints. The pure in heart enjoy God and abound in His love, and they become continually more like Him in love, humility, sinlessness, purity, and holiness.

When one walks in love, he is actually in God, for God is love and life. We cannot live a life of faith without living a life of love. When one walks in love, he can no longer be negative or neutral. He is a positive element of blessing in the world. When we step out of the law of love, we step out of the environment of God into the environment of the Adversary. When one's acts are not prompted by love, he is in harmony with the Adversary. He has put himself where he has no defense, and the Adversary has the mastery. We cannot walk in faith and holiness without walking in love.

The Recreated Man Has the Power of Attorney

We take our place as the sons of the almighty God. We are members of His family, joint heirs with His own Son. If we do not take this place, we deny the efficacy of His blood, the reality of His sacrifice, and the integrity of His redemption. By taking our place, we honor the Father, the Son, and the new creation in Jesus. Our own position is honored; sin is put away; and righteousness becomes a fact. We should study to show ourselves approved unto God; Christians who need not be ashamed, taking our place in the family without condemnation. We can go in the name of Jesus. As we walk in fellowship with Him, we have His ability. God is our Strength, our Life, our All.

We may have wondered why Jesus was fearless in the presence of Satan and his works. In the midst of death, at the tomb of Lazarus, His fearless confidence thrills us. He was righteous. Sin makes cowards of men. The consciousness of sin holds us in bondage. If we know we are of God, that God is in us, and that we have His righteousness, we can stand in the presence of Satan and his works as fearlessly as Jesus did. Righteousness is really the ability of God taking possession of us. We are fearless in His presence, because we are conscious that we are new creations. We have been created by God in His image, and Jesus has given us the power of attorney to use His name (John 14:12-14).

We know that Satan has been conquered. Through Jesus, we, who were once slaves, are now masters. We are strong, not weak. We have been identified with God. In other words, we are holy, sanctified, and set apart for the Lord's use. In this dispensation of grace, God desires that our service be wholly unto Him. Whether by sermon, testimony, music, or song, let all things be done with reverence in the name of the Lord Jesus and for the glory of God. When we think of the presumption, the brazen sacrilege, the wicked desecration all about us, it is little wonder that many people are weak and out of fellowship with God. As we determine that all our

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE LOST

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work in the interest of the lost only when it is convenient to do so? Are we willing to risk our ambitions, reputations, lives, in order to rescue the perishing?

Paul said in Romans 9:1-3, "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh."

In the parable of the lost sheep, it is reasonable to suppose that the shepherd risked his very life in the attempt to rescue the one lost sheep. He was probably exposed to wild beasts, thorny paths, and jagged hills, but he went on; he braved the dangers; he endured the pain; he sacrificed;

he denied himself. Why? He wanted to rescue the lost sheep. When we are filled with love for fallen humanity and are saturated by a desire to bring them to God, no danger will be too great for us to face in our efforts to win them for Jesus.

One evening in 1861, General Garibaldi, a great Italian hero, was going home. He met a shepherd lamenting the loss of a lamb. Garibaldi turned to his staff and announced his intention of searching for the lost lamb. An expedition was organized; lanterns were brought; and many old officers joined the search. But no lamb was found, and the soldiers were ordered to their beds. The next morning Garibaldi's attendant found him fast asleep with the lost lamb nestling under his covering. The general had kept the search through the night until he had found the sheep. If we will be as diligent in our quest for lost souls, we will have like results.

May God fill us with such a passion for souls that when we sleep, we will dream of conversions that upon awakening our first thoughts will be of helping the lost to God. The task and the burden of soul-winning should ever be before us, not just during times of revival and special evangelistic effort, but always, night and day, and every hour of each day. Men and women are without God, and they are dying and going to hell. What are we going to do about it? Let us arise from our lethargy. Let us be wide-awake to the needs of the hour. Let us work, pray, fast, and seek. Let us get men to God. The night is coming upon us; the day is quickly passing.

*Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.*

thoughts, speech, and actions shall be related to God, His name, His Word, His day, His house, His ministry, and His ordinances, then His service will be marked with the utmost reverence. We are His handiwork, and we should be what God desires us to be—His righteousness.

We have an invitation to come boldly before the throne into the presence of our Father. Righteousness is the ability to stand in the Father's presence without a sense of guilt or inferiority. It was the product of the finished work of Christ that culminated in the new creation. When we know that the Father recreated us in His nature, we realize that He is satisfied with the new creation. He dwells in us, and we are aware of how precious and priceless we are to Him. If He were not able to fellowship on terms of equality with His children, He would not be satisfied. The work He wrought in Christ would be an utter failure.

In the beginning, man had perfect fellowship with the Father. A perfect redemption is necessary to restore that lost fellowship. The old things of failure and sin pass away and all things become new. All that are pure and holy are of God, who has reconciled us unto Himself. As we receive His redemption, we are free from the old bondage and habits. The things that bind us to the Adversary and bring condemnation are put away. He bore our sins in His body on the tree, and was made Sin for our sin so that we might become righteous with His righteousness. Now, sin no longer has dominion over us. Paul said that Jesus was made unto us sanctification. We know that we are sanctified by His sanctification! If He has become our righteousness, then our standing with the Father is identical with that of His Son. This is the ground of our faith in the Son of God. Faith cannot grow in the atmosphere of condemnation. As long as we are in the realm of sin-consciousness, our faith will be weak and ineffectual. If we have the life of God abiding in us, we can say with Paul, "I can do all things in him who strengtheneth me." We can live a holy, pure

life before God and the world. We then bear fruit unto holiness, and the end is everlasting life. We have been told that it takes seven colors to make a pure white—red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. There are also seven essential elements in holiness—purity, humility, consecration, unity, love, Christlikeness, and perfection. These elements will perfect holiness in a life and adorn a soul with the qualities that will bring praise and glory to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and to God our Father.



Charles Spurgeon once was asked why he did not defend the Bible.

"Defend God's Word!" he exclaimed. "Why, I would just as soon worry about defending a lioness in the jungle. Just unloose it, preach the truth, and the Word will speak for itself."—*Herald of Holiness, The Christian Conservator.*

Prayer is an acknowledgment of faith; worry is a denial of faith. Prayer is putting my hand in God's, trusting to His loving guidance; worry is withdrawing my hand and denying His power to lead me. Prayer leads through the door of faith into the presence of God; worry leads through the door of anxiety into the darkness of loneliness and discouragement. If prayer rules the life, victory results.—Selected.

Before me: a table.

Around me: my enemies.

After me: goodness and mercy.

Beyond me: the house of the Lord.—*Elim Pentecostal Herald.*

Testimonies

EVERGLADES, Fla.—In October, 1954, when I sprained my ankle, God healed me. A few days later, I turned it again and suffered great pain. I was prayed for many times, but somehow I did not reach out to the Lord in faith. I went to church before Christmas, but did not get to go any more until February 6. I had my foot X-rayed, and I found that it had been broken. On Sunday, February 6, the Lord healed me as our pastor, Brother V. G. Helms, my husband, and some sisters were praying for me at Chokoloskee. The Lord has healed me many times, and I praise Him for it. Jesus is my Saviour and my Healer. I thank Him for the Holy Ghost, also.—Mrs. Henry Howell.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—I am impressed to give my testimony of God's blessings upon my life the past few months. God is certainly good to me and is blessing us at the Park Avenue Church of God. Brother John Meares, our pastor, is deeply concerned about the spirituality of the church, and God is rewarding us in many ways for being willing to yield ourselves to Him. Last summer, I returned to church after being backslidden for many years. Spiritual things had been dismissed from my mind as much as possible, but it seemed that as soon as I entered the door of the church I was aware that the presence of God was all around me. My soul cried out, and after several visits, I found myself lying prostrate on my back shouting the victory again. Praise His name! My entire family (wife and three children) has been redeemed and baptized and is now affiliated with the church. Our desire is to work for God.

The glory of God and His power are manifested in our services every time we meet for worship. Miracles and signs are being performed in His name, to which we give glory and praise. We're in a revival most of the time with outstanding evangelists. Our last campaign with Brother Fatic Atkinson had one notable miracle in which a little girl who had worn a brace for two years was healed, and she is now walking without the brace. Many others in our midst can testify to God's outstanding healing power. My soul is aflame with His Spirit, and the call of God is in my life. Before I was trapped by Satan, my life was dedicated to the work of the Lord. Now I find that the call of God is still abiding and that I must obey and deliver this message wherever I may go. This great gospel of deliverance isn't new, but it stands out to me more than ever. I intend to let God have His way in my life. This great gospel of deliverance for mind, soul, and body is the benefits God has provided for us through the atonement, and I am praising His wonderful name that His power came into my dead life again. Glory and praise to Him!

I ask all to pray for me that I shall

soon be preaching full time and helping others to find this blessing that has come my way. I appreciate the Church of God more than ever, and I have purposed in my heart to delete everything in my life that hinders me from serving my Lord and working for Him and His Church. I am ready to go anywhere and any time He wishes to use me in His service. At this time, I am able to accept calls for week-end revivals near Memphis, and I trust that in the near future God will open the doors for me to bring this message to your church. My address is B. S. Prescott, 4819 Sea Isle, Memphis, Tennessee.—Stanley Prescott.

WHITTIER, N. C.—I promised the Lord I would write about my healing to the Evangel. Some time ago Johnnie Bowing and his wife conducted a revival at our church. During the revival, Brother W. P. Walker had the evangelist, his wife, my husband, and me over for supper. Brother Walker, who is ninety-three years old, is the oldest minister in the Church of God, and he is wonderful to pray for the sick. During the evening, they prayed for me, and I was instantly healed. Praise the Lord! I could not walk alone then, but now I do my work. We had a three weeks' revival, and I went every night. My husband and I love the Church of God, and we have been members for forty years.—Mrs. T. J. Looney.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Not knowing what was wrong, I was stricken with a heart attack, and I suffered all the night. Finally, I got so bad that I was taken to the hospital, where I was told I had suffered a heart attack. I had to stay in the hospital for thirty-one days. Finally, I was able to leave the hospital in an ambulance, and it seemed as if I would never be well again. Brother J. D. Free was my pastor at this time. He and his wife prayed constantly for me. I came home on Saturday, and on Wednesday Brother Free visited me again. I still wasn't any better. That night after prayer meeting, they came again. Someone touched the hem of His garment, and I was healed. The following Sunday, I was able to go to church. I am now able to hold a job, pastoring the Collierville, Tennessee, Church of God, and God has surely laid His wonderful healing hand upon me. I want the world to know that God heals.—Mrs. Bessie Dobson.

PATTERSON, Va.—I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. I promised Him that if He would heal my eyes I would testify to it through the Evangel. My eyes were getting very bad. I could not read small print, and I had to hold larger print at a dis-

tance to read it. During a revival at our church, the pastor and Evangelist Eldridge prayed for me, and I was healed. I went home and read small print that I hadn't been able to read for some time. The Lord has healed me so many times that I can't praise Him enough.—Mrs. Jim Brooks.

ELM GROVE, W. Va.—I thank God for His great love and healing power. Several years ago, I was saved in a church of another denomination, but I later backslid. During 1951, I was in the hospital three times for abdominal operations. Sister Caroline Bachman told me about God's great healing power, and I believed the Bible records that Christ had healed when He walked the shores of Galilee, but I could not see how anyone could pray down that power today. During my third stay in the hospital, I was taken with a severe attack of vomiting. The pain was almost beyond endurance. I believe that I was sinking into my last sleep, but God sent Sister Bachman from Elkton, Maryland, to Wheeling, West Virginia, just a few days before this time. Oh, how He sees and knows our needs! She came into the hospital room while I was suffering so intensely. Seeing my condition, she had prayed no more than two sentences when the power of God fell. The urge to vomit and all the pain left immediately. It was as when Jesus said, "Peace, be still" to the sea. Praise His name!

It was through this healing that I was led into the Church of God. When He healed me, He also forgave me and took me back into the fold. Since that time, He has sanctified me and baptized me with the sweet Holy Ghost. He has blessed me times without number and has healed me again and again of many minor ailments.

On Sunday afternoon, February 6, 1955, I fell on the ice and sprained my right wrist. That evening I drove the car and took the family to church, a distance of about twelve miles, and I could hardly hold the wheel and shift gears. When I got to church, I could not even close my hand. Sister Bachman and others prayed for God to heal the wrist before service began. Most of the pain left at once, and before service was over, I could close my hand again. I drove home with no difficulty at all. I went to work Monday and worked all day. I am writing this testimony after working eight hours with a hand that I could not even close a few hours ago. Truly He is the Great Physician.—Lee Rushforth. Attested by Caroline Bachman, Pastor.

ELDORADO, Ill.—I do praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. Being very ill for seven days, I realized that I had taken rabbit fever from a rabbit that I had prepared for cooking. I sent for Brother G. C. Spencer and the saints who prayed,

and God instantly took away the fever. All the complications of the fever began to disappear. The disease had entered through a scratch in one finger, and all the flesh had dropped off the end of it. In three weeks God had completely covered that finger with new flesh. I am happy to have found real deliverance through prayer. I had no need for shots, pills, or sedatives, for the Lord had already made a way for me.—Mrs. Lawrence Gibson. Attested by G. C. Spencer, Pastor.

SHAW, Miss.—I praise the Lord for the sweet Holy Ghost I received Tuesday night, February 8. We were in a two weeks' revival at the Pilgrims Rest Church of God with Brother Leland Baker as the evangelist. Seven others received the Holy Ghost during this revival, also. I had sought the Lord for almost ten years, but it was worth it all. I want all the Christian people who read my testimony to pray for me that I will do God's will.—Earl Baker.

HOMERVILLE, Ga.—I thank God for taking me back, saving me, sanctifying me, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I surely feel better in my soul and body. I desire the prayers of all praying people that I will stand true until He comes or calls for me.—Mrs. Louise Gilley.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—I thank the Lord for touching my body. He is so wonderful, and I love Him. Pray for me that I may be in His will.—Mrs. Cecil Looney, Jr.

BARTOW, Fla.—I am writing a short testimony and asking you to pray for me. When drunk and under the influence of liquor, I took the lives of two of my friends. I am now under the death sentence to pay in return for their lives. I praise God for sending to my jail cell a woman, Sister Ida Mae Lopez, of Lakeland, Florida, who prayed for me with big tears running down her face. Her prayer touched my soul, and God saved me that night.

Down in the human heart crushed by the Tempter
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore.
Touched by a loving hand, wakened by kindness;
Chords that were broken have vibrated once more.

I should like to work for God if He will only deliver me.—Hermon Barwick.

SHAW, Miss.—I praise the Lord for healing my body last night. I had a very bad headache, so I went to bed with the *Evangel* under my head. I went to sleep and slept soundly all night.—Louise Webster.

BAXLEY, Ga.—I am sounding a special note of praise for my daddy's great healing from God. He was in a terrible fix. The enemy had taken his

mind, and he was so miserable that he couldn't be still. He had tried doctors and hospitals, but none seemed to do him any good. We kept praying for him, and also our Christian friends did, too. I begged God to send a man of God strong enough to rebuke that sickness. In November, 1954, God sent that man. Our pastor, Brother Frank Dowdy, prayed for him and rebuked that demon spirit. Thank God, within about five minutes his mind was back. Daddy said, "Thank God, it's gone!" God alone knows what Daddy and his family went through. Thank God, He can solve our many problems and heal our bodies. Now Daddy is able to drive his car and work some. Also, I am praising God for healing my mother of what we think may have been a cancer and for healing my girl of nervous spells. Thank God! —Mrs. Elease Ahl.

LONGVIEW, Wash.—I praise God for His wonderful power to heal. During a revival at the Church of God in Longview, He healed me of heart trouble. I do praise the name of the Lord for His healing power and for saving my soul.—Mrs. Erma Owens.

PERRY, Fla.—I praise and thank the Lord for His many blessings to me. I praise Him for the great Church of God and its teachings. I thank God for sending Brother B. E. Chesser to be our pastor, for he and his family have been a great blessing to all. I know God still heals, for Tuesday night, January 4, He healed me of a terrible pain in my shoulder. Before He healed me, I had had little rest day or night for two weeks.—Mrs. Mae Duckworth.

ARLEY, Ala.—I praise the Lord for healing me of a severe hurting in my back. I placed the *Evangel* on me and asked God to heal me. He did, and I haven't had the hurting since. He is so wonderful! I love Him and want to always be found doing something for Him.—Mrs. J. O. Dickerson.

NEW ELLENTON, S. C.—I praise the Lord for what He has done for me and my children. I praise Him for healing me of asthma and also a thyroid disturbance. I was sent to the hospital, but Jesus healed me. Now I am in perfect health, praise His holy name! I praise Him for making my baby sound and perfect. I thank Him also for the blessed Holy Ghost who lives in my soul.—Mrs. Johnnie Cain.

LAURINBURG, N. C.—I thank the Lord for the Church of God at East Laurinburg, North Carolina. Shortly after our last child was born, my husband lost his job. At first we weren't troubled. He had always had work since our marriage and had received attractive offers of many other jobs, but somehow, something was wrong this time. Probably some of you who stood in the lines signing up for unemployment compensation understand. At any rate, he was able to secure only short, temporary jobs this past year, and I doubt if anyone ex-

cept those who have been up against it can really understand what it means to be that way. I have had fears the past year that I never expect to forget as long as I live. As soon as the women of the church learned of our situation, they started helping us. My husband and I had always taken considerable satisfaction in the fact that we'd never had to ask financial help (or very little of any kind of help) in rearing our family. What a glorious discovery to realize that they who call us "Brother and Sister" actually mean it! They are concerned when trouble comes to one of them. The new year has come, and we look forward to it with hope. I haven't the courage to ask for a year like the past one, with its discouragements, urgent needs, and periods of near desperation. Yet, I wouldn't exchange it for anything, and I expect to remember it as long as I live, for it has taught me to feel more keenly the great need around us, not only of food, clothing, etc., but of intangible things, especially the need of salvation.—Name withheld by request.

BELLS, Tenn.—I should like to add my testimony of the healing power of God. I am a member of the East Haywood Church of God. I had a cancer on the left side of my face which was daily getting larger and growing worse. After seeing other people healed in our church, I asked the pastor, Brother W. D. Nichols, to pray for me. Within a very few days, the cancer had completely disappeared, and I am healed today. I was healed also of a serious ailment in my side about three years ago. I had been under treatment of three of our good doctors, but they could not help me. After three years I have not been bothered with my side again. I am completely healed. Praise the Lord!—Mrs. George Mosier. Attested by W. D. Nichols, Pastor.

CAREY, Ohio—I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. He healed me of a cancer on my eye. I had been operated on twice by a specialist in Toledo, Ohio, and the cancer had come back the third time. I was going for the third operation in a few weeks when I had an invitation to go to the church where Sister Della Watkins is pastoring. Since I am her next-door neighbor, I went and was prayed for that night, but I went on to the doctor as I was supposed to do. My doctor was so surprised when he examined me that he called his nurse, and they said I didn't have a sign of cancer. It was gone, and it is still gone. I praise God for it all.—Mrs. Pete Long. Attested by Mrs. Della Watkins.

JONESVILLE, Mich.—I praise God for His wonderful healing power. I was sick with gallstones until I went to Carey, Ohio, where Sister Della Watkins is pastoring. I was prayed for and was healed of the gallstones. I am still healed today. I am giving all my praise to God.—Mrs. Lucy Barnett. Attested by Mrs. Della Watkins.



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Such new approaches to youth evangelism as teen-age hobby clubs, a new youth book and record club, a youth vocational guidance program, and a teen-age missionary candidates club, mark another step in the youth program of Youth for Christ International, according to an announcement of its president, Dr. Robert A. Cook.

Each of the new ministries, sponsored by the YFC headquarters office in Wheaton, Illinois, will be developed as part of the youth evangelism program of Youth for Christ for 1955, Cook explained.

Ted W. Engstrom, executive director of Youth for Christ International, with twelve years of experience in the publishing field, will direct the newly formed youth book and record club. Jack Hamilton, national Bible club director Youth for Christ, will head the formation of Christian hobby clubs among high schoolers with such clubs as photographers club, stamp collectors club, music lovers club, etc.

The candidates club will be made up of young people in high school and college who have dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service and

plan to prepare for this service. It is anticipated that this club will have its own newsletter, giving inspiration and information to members, and that it will strengthen the commitments which so many young people have made for foreign missionary service.

Other ministries expected to be explored and expanded during the course of 1955, Cook stated, are a youth vocational guidance program, a marriage counseling program, youth columns in newspapers, "Youth Believes" television spots and posters for placing in public places, and a program of sponsoring good reading for young people.

(MNS) During 1954, three sets of Sunday School quarterlies were published in the Greek language by the Eastern European Mission. These quarterlies were used in more than eighty Sunday Schools in the areas of Thrace, Macedonia, and Thessaly, and in the cities of Athens, Corinth, and Salonia, as well as in the Island of Crete and the Ionian Islands. In addition, approximately a hundred individuals used them as aids in teaching Bible classes and preaching sermons.

(MNS) INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS, INCORPORATED reports that its applications for visas for new missionaries for the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean have been refused by the British Colonial Government. The reason given was that additional missionary effort would tend to increase the present political unrest and nationalistic leanings of the predominantly Indian population.

One of the most densely populated areas in the world, the Island has over 400,000 people, most of whom are Indians from India. Little evangelical missionary work has been done among this segment of the population.

(MNS) More than two thirds of the New Testament has now been translated into the language of the Anuak tribe of Ethiopia. It is expected that in two years the entire New Testament should be completed. This translation is being done by the Rev. Harvey T. Hoekstra, of the American Mission in the South Sudan (United Presbyterian Church and Reformed Church in America).

(MNS) "Today, nearly two thousand years after the Great Commission was given, it is estimated that

one billion persons now living have never heard the precious name of Jesus. If you were to stand day and night watching this vast number march by, you would stand for a whole generation."—The Missionary Broadcaster.

(SPAIN (MNS)) An evangelical pastor in Sagunto, near Valencia, is in jail again for the "crime" of conducting an "unauthorized religious service." When the police found Senor Florentino Tornadijo and fourteen members of his congregation reading the Bible together, they ordered each one to pay a fine. Senor Tornadijo was imprisoned on February 22.

Last fall the pastor and members of the Baptist church in Jativa were fined for the alleged intention of holding a baptismal service in a hidden place in the country. On February 16 five of those members were put in prison for having refused to pay that fine.

(MNS) BRAZIL—The Roman Catholic Church has boasted that they must retake Brazil before the Communists or evangelicals do. They have scheduled a World Youth Conference to be held there in July.

Recognizing that the problem of juvenile delinquency and the work of the Church in meeting that need presents a unique challenge and opportunity, Youth for Christ has scheduled a national Youth Guidance Conference to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, June 9-12.

This conference will bring together some of the nation's leading Christian authorities on work with problem youth for the purpose of fellowship, exchange of ideas, and sharing of valuable methods and practical procedures that can be used on the community level in helping these young people.

A unique feature of the conference is the tentative scheduling of one session at the Nebraska Training School for Boys and another at the state prison. In addition to the institutional phase of the sessions, material will be given on summer programs and community juvenile work.

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